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**LITERATURE:**

Randall Kenan, of Hillsborough, is a writer and teacher and has spent his life asking questions about race and identity. He explores these issues through fiction and nonfiction writing, and in his classrooms. One of his most well-known works is *Walking on Water: Black American Lives at the Turn of the Twenty-first Century*. In addition, he has taught classes at Sarah Lawrence College, Duke University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Memphis, and is now an associate professor of English at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Thomas Willis Lambeth, of Winston-Salem, was once dubbed “the state’s do-gooder in chief” because of his 45-year career in politics and philanthropy. He is equally at home in board meetings and soup kitchens, legislative halls and school yards. He helped to establish the Community College System, the N.C. School of the Arts and helped advance progressive programs across North Carolina.

**FINE ARTS:**

Bland Simpson, of Orange County, is a musician, writer and teacher. Simpson’s career has included performing on Broadway, touring and recording with an old-time string band, playwriting and writing both fiction and nonfiction. Today, he serves as the head of the creative writing program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

**SCIENCE:**

Dr. Mansukh Wani, of Durham, was instrumental in the discovery of two important cancer-fighting agents, Taxol and Camptothecin. Nearly one-third of the anticancer drugs sold today use derivatives of these chemicals. Synthetic versions of Taxol are used to treat ovarian, breast, lung and prostate cancer. Wani is a leader in natural products research and has more than 200 publications to his credit.

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